

Crossandra Sweater Mini

NASHKNITS

Sizes:

0-3m (3-6m, 6-12m, 12-18m, 18-24m, 2-3y, 3-4y).

Measurements (Blocked):

Chest Circumference:

Approximately 56 (60, 64, 64, 66, 70, 72) cm.

Total length from mid back (excluding the neck):

Approximately 25 (26, 28, 31, 33, 35, 37) cm.



(These measurements concern the finished work NOT the person wearing it)

Recommended needles:

- 4mm circular needles, 60-80 cm long.
- 2.5mm, 3mm, 3.5mm, 4mm short circular needles or dpns (double pointed needles).
- 4.5mm dpn for binding off scalloped edge.
- Spare dpns for box pleat.

Yarn:

Garn studio Drops Soft Tweed (color, marzipan no.02)

(Content: 50% Wool, 25% Alpaca, 25% Viscose. Weight/Length: 50gm= Approx. 130m)

Amount of yarn used:

150 (150, 150-200, 200, 200-250, 250, 250) gms

Gauge/Tension (Blocked):

20 sts x 34 rows/rounds in garter stitch on 4mm needles = 10cm x 10cm

(Take your time to get correct stitch AND row/round gauge. You might change needles size to get the correct gauge)

Crossandra Sweater is knitted top down, starting with the back yoke which is worked back and forth (while shaping with short rows). After that sts are picked up across the shoulders to form the front yoke, then the rest of the body is worked in the round till it's finished. Sts for sleeves are then picked up, and worked in the round.

Sweater has approx. 15-18 cm of intended positive ease.

Pattern notes:

Garter stitch pattern back and forth:

Knit every row.

Garter stitch pattern in the round (2 round repeat):

Round1: purl to end of round.

Round2: knit to end of round.

Binding off:

When binding off for scallops, make sure to bind off loosely using 4.5mm needles, this is to ensure that your bound off row is stretchy enough to allow the scallops to expand fully when blocked.

Blocking:

When blocking scallops, you should place pins around the whole scallop not only the tips to get its rounded shape.

Pre blocked length estimation:

Lengths mentioned in the pattern are the blocked lengths, so in order to obtain the exact length pre blocked simply you multiply your blocked row gauge (in 1 cm) by the required length, for example; the pattern's row gauge in 10 cm is 34 rows, this means that 1 cm should have 3.4 rows, so if you needed to work a length of 20 cm you multiply 20 cm x 3.4 rows = 68 rows (this is the number of rows you should work to get 20 cm when your piece is blocked)

Pattern:

Back yoke:

- With 4mm longer circular needles, cast on 56 (60, 64, 64, 66, 70, 72) sts using long tail cast on method, turn.
- Next row (WS): k to end, turn.
- Now you are going to work **German short rows** as follows:
- Next row (RS): k 40 (42, 45, 45, 46, 48, 50) sts, turn.
- Next row (WS): DS, k 23 (23, 25, 25, 25, 25, 27) sts, turn.
- Next row (RS): DS, k to 2 sts after previous DS (work DS as you go), turn.
- Next row (WS): DS, k to 2 sts after previous DS (work DS as you go), turn.
- Repeat previous 2 rows 6 (7, 8, 8, 8, 9, 9) more times, ending with WS.
- Next row (RS): DS, k to end, turn.

- Next row (WS): k to end, turn.
- Work in garter st back and forth for 18 (18, 20, 22, 26, 26, 26) more rows ending with WS, your piece should approx. measure 11 (11.5, 12.5, 13.5, 14.5, 15, 15) cm from mid back cast on edge (when blocked), cut your yarn and place your sts onto a spare needle.

Left front:

- With RS facing and 4 mm needles, count 18 (20, 21, 21, 22, 24, 24) sts from the outermost cast on st at the left back yoke, attach yarn to that inner st to start your left shoulder, pick up and knit 18 (20, 21, 21, 22, 24, 24) sts, turn.
- Next row (WS): k to end, turn.
- Work in garter st back and forth for 14 (14, 14, 14, 16, 16, 16) more rows ending with WS.
- Next row (RS): k1, m1L, k to end, turn.
- Next row (WS): k to end, turn.
- Repeat previous 2 rows 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5) more times. Total 23 (25, 27, 27, 28, 30, 30) sts, cut your yarn, place left front sts on a spare needle while working right front.

Right front:

- With RS facing and 4 mm needles, starting at the outermost st of cast on edge at the right back yoke, pick up and knit 18 (20, 21, 21, 22, 24, 24) sts, turn.
- Next row (WS): k to end, turn.
- Work in garter st back and forth for 14 (14, 14, 14, 16, 16, 16) more rows ending with WS.
- Next row (RS): k to last st, m1R, k1, turn.
- Next row (WS): k to end, turn.
- Repeat previous 2 rows 4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5) more times. Total 23 (25, 27, 27, 28, 30, 30) sts.
- Now you are going to join both front pieces together as follows: k across the next 23 (25, 27, 27, 28, 30, 30) sts of the right front piece, using backward loop method co 10 (10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 12) sts, k across the next 23 (25, 27, 27, 28, 30, 30) sts of left front piece, turn. Total 56 (60, 64, 64, 66, 70, 72) sts.
- Next row (WS): k to end, turn.
- Work in garter st back and forth for 20 (22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 30) more rows ending with WS.

- Next row (RS): now you are going to join both front and back pieces together as follows: k across 56 (60, 64, 64, 66, 70, 72) sts of front piece, k across 56 (60, 64, 64, 66, 70, 72) sts of back piece, pm (BOR). Total 112 (120, 128, 128, 132, 140, 144) sts
- Next round: p across the whole round.
- Continue working garter st in the round, till your piece approx. measures 23 (23.5, 26, 29, 30.5, 32.5, 34.5) cm from mid back cast on edge (when blocked) or to your desired length leaving 2 (2.5, 2, 2, 2.5, 2.5, 2.5) cm for the scalloped edge, adjust so that your last round is a knit round.
- Now you are going to work your scalloped edge back and forth in garter st according to your size as follows: **turn** your work, work scallop pattern A (C, A, A, D, C, E) [see page 5]

Sleeves (make 2):

- With 4 mm short circular needles or dpns or magic loop technique, starting at the under arm with RS facing, pick up and k 44 (48, 48, 52, 52, 56, 56) sts across the armhole opening, pm (BOR).
- Starting with a purl round, work garter st in the round till your sleeve approx. measures 11.5 (12.5, 15.5, 16, 19, 22, 24) cm from your pick and knit row (when blocked) or till your desired length leaving 3.5 (3.5, 3.5, 4, 4, 4, 4) cm for box pleat and scalloped edging, adjust so that your last round is a purl round.
- Now work box pleat round as follows: knit next 13 (15, 15, 17, 17, 19, 19) sts, transfer next 3 sts onto a dpn (no.1) and place it at the front of your work, transfer next 3 sts onto a dpn (no.2) and fold so that the wrong side of it faces the wrong side of dpn 1, transfer the next 3 sts onto a dpn (no.3) and fold so that the right side of it faces the right side of dpn 2, now k3tog (3 times) across the 3 dpns (pm1 on your last st, this marker will be used later for icord side ties), transfer next 3 sts onto a dpn (no.1) and place it at the back of your work, transfer next 3 sts onto a dpn (no.2) and fold so that the right side of it faces the right side of dpn 1, transfer the next 3 sts onto a dpn (no.3) and fold so that the wrong side of it faces the wrong side of dpn 2, now k3tog (3 times) across the 3 dpns (pm2 on your 1st st, this marker will be used later for icord side ties), knit next 13 (15, 15, 17, 17, 19, 19) sts. Total 32 (36, 36, 40, 40, 44, 44) sts.
- Work 6 garter rounds, ending with a knit round.
- Now you are going to work your scalloped edge back and forth in garter st according to your size as follows: **turn** your work, work scallop pattern A (B, B, C, C, D, D) [see page 5]

Scallop patterns:

Scallop pattern A:

- Row 1 (WS): k8 sts, turn.
- Row 2 (RS): DS, k7 sts, turn.
- Row 3: DS, k6 sts, turn.
- Row 4: DS, k5 sts, turn.
- Row 5: DS, k4 sts, turn.
- Row 6: DS, k3 sts, turn.
- Row 7: DS, k5 sts (work DS as you go), don't turn.
- Repeat rows (1-7) till you finish all of your sts, turn.

Next row (RS): Bind off loosely (barely tensioning your yarn) with 4.5 mm dpn in knit stitch using suspended bind off (work DS as you go), cut your yarn leaving a tail long enough to seam the sides of the scalloped edges together.

Scallop pattern B:

- Row 1 (WS): k9 sts, turn.
- Row 2 (RS): DS, k8 sts, turn.
- Row 3: DS, k7 sts, turn.
- Row 4: DS, k6 sts, turn.
- Row 5: DS, k5 sts, turn.
- Row 6: DS, k4 sts, turn.
- Row 7: DS, k6 sts (work DS as you go), don't turn.
- Repeat rows (1-7) till you finish all of your sts, turn.
- Next row (RS): Bind off loosely (barely tensioning your yarn) with 4.5 mm dpn in knit stitch using suspended bind off (work DS as you go), cut your yarn leaving a tail long enough to seam the sides of the scalloped edges together.

Scallop pattern C:

- Row 1 (WS): k10 sts, turn.
- Row 2 (RS): DS, k9 sts, turn.
- Row 3: DS, k8 sts, turn.
- Row 4: DS, k7 sts, turn.
- Row 5: DS, k6 sts, turn.
- Row 6: DS, k5 sts, turn.
- Row 7: DS, k4 sts, turn.
- Row 8: DS, k3 sts, turn.
- Row 9: DS, k6 sts (work DS as you go), don't turn.

- Repeat rows (1-9) till you finish all of your sts, turn.

Next row (RS): Bind off loosely (barely tensioning your yarn) with 4.5 mm dpn in knit stitch using suspended bind off (work DS as you go), cut your yarn leaving a tail long enough to seam the sides of the scalloped edges together.

Scallop pattern D:

- Row 1 (WS): k11 sts, turn.
- Row 2 (RS): DS, k10 sts, turn.
- Row 3: DS, k9 sts, turn.
- Row 4: DS, k8 sts, turn.
- Row 5: DS, k7 sts, turn.
- Row 6: DS, k6 sts, turn.
- Row 7: DS, k5 sts, turn.
- Row 8: DS, k4 sts, turn.
- Row 9: DS, k7 sts (work DS as you go), don't turn.
- Repeat rows (1-9) till you finish all of your sts, turn.
- Next row (RS): Bind off loosely (barely tensioning your yarn) with 4.5 mm dpn in knit stitch using suspended bind off (work DS as you go), cut your yarn leaving a tail long enough to seam the sides of the scalloped edges together.

Scallop pattern E:

- Row 1 (WS): k12 sts, turn.
- Row 2 (RS): DS, k11 sts, turn.
- Row 3: DS, k10 sts, turn.
- Row 4: DS, k9 sts, turn.
- Row 5: DS, k8 sts, turn.
- Row 6: DS, k7 sts, turn.
- Row 7: DS, k5 sts, turn.
- Row 8: DS, k3 sts, turn.
- Row 9: DS, k7 sts (work DS as you go), don't turn
- Repeat rows (1-9) till you finish all of your sts, turn.
- Next row (RS): Bind off loosely (barely tensioning your yarn) with 4.5 mm dpn in knit stitch using suspended bind off (work DS as you go), cut your yarn leaving a tail long enough to seam the sides of the scalloped edges together.

Icord sleeve ties (make 2):

- Starting at m2 and using 4 mm short circular needles, pick up 32 (36, 36, 40, 40, 44, 44) sts [pick up by ONLY lifting 1 leg of each knit st onto your needle, your last picked st should be the m1 marked st].
- With your RHN, co 4 sts using long tail co method, transfer these 4 sts to LHN, *k4, transfer these 4 sts back to LHN* repeat from * to * till your icord measures approx. 13 cm, k3, k2togtbl (last icord st together with the 1st picked up st), *transfer 4 sts back to LHN, k3, k2togtbl (last icord st together with the next picked up st)* repeat from * to * till you finish all of your picked up sts.
- *Transfer 4 sts back to LHN, k4* repeat from * to * till your icord measures approx. 13 cm, transfer 4 sts back to LHN, (k2tog) twice, slip 1st st over the 2nd st, bind off.

Neck edging:

- With 3.5 mm short circular needles or dpns or magic loop technique (starting at right back neck with RS facing), pick up and knit 20 (20, 22, 22, 22, 22, 24) sts across the back neck edge, pick and knit 19 (20, 20, 21, 22, 23, 23) sts across the selvedge sts of the left front neck edge, pick and knit 10 (10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 12) sts across the middle front neck edge, pick and knit 19 (20, 20, 21, 22, 23, 23) sts across the selvedge sts of the right front neck edge, pm, join in the round. Total 68 (70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 82) sts.
- Next 5 rounds: *k1, p1* repeat from * to * till end of round.
- Switch to 3 mm needles and knit next 5 rounds.
- Switch to 2.5 mm needles and start binding off as follows: k2, *return 2 sts back to LHN, k2togtbl, k1* repeat from * to * till you are left with 2 sts on your RHN, return 2 sts back to LHN, k2togtbl, bind off last st, cut your yarn.

Finishing:

- Weave in your ends, seam the sides of the scalloped edges together, and block your sweater.
- For smaller sizes after tying the bow, sew it down in place (for safety measures).

Abbreviations:

- **BOR:** beginning of round
- **pm:** place Marker
- **sts:** stitches
- **k:** knit
- **p:** purl
- **k2tog:** knit 2 sts together
- **k3tog:** knit 3 sts together
- **k2togtbl:** knit 2 sts together through back loop
- **WS:** wrong side of the work
- **RS:** right side of the work
- **LHN:** left hand needle
- **RHN:** right hand needle
- **Co:** cast on
- **M1L:** make 1 left; insert your left needle, from front to back, under that horizontal bar, knit through short leg in the back
- **M1R:** make 1 right, insert your left needle, from back to front, under that horizontal bar, knit through short leg in front
- **DS:** with yarn at front, slip the 1st st on your LHN to your RHN, pull your working yarn to the back and over the slipped st to create a yarn over (double stitch), then continue working as instructed in pattern.

Useful tutorials:

- German short rows:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=feR9Mk6oNIo&t=56s>
- Suspended bind off:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QlaTXbbb4o&t=198s>
- Box pleat:
<https://youtu.be/Rlxa3e0CCBg?si=9XKl--PxUewXQQBu>